



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 13	Mass	8:30 am	Betty Allison Dennis Schumacher Herbert & Mary Schrack Thomas Gill	The Rogowski Family Wally & Maryann Wydra Mary & Will Fahy
Tuesday, January 14	Mass	8:30 am	Charles Cummings Mimi Grimes James Barton	The Cummings Family The Westerhoff Family The Cooley Family
Wednesday, January 15	Mass	8:30 am	John Sutkowski	The Tegtmeyer Family
Thursday, January 16	Rosary Mass Adoration	8:15 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	Jim Richardson	The Schroeder Family
Friday, January 17	Mass	8:30 am	Ed O'Connell	The Cooley Family
Saturday, January 18	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bill Brooker Susanne Walsh & Pete Capellani	Sue & Phil Mullane Pat DeMars
Sunday, January 19	Mass	7:30 am	Dennis Schumacher	Carol Anisi
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	Casey Dillon	Residents of LaGrange Tower
	Mass	11:00 am	Jerry Spearman, Sr. Suzanne W. McKee	The Spearman Family The Kisla Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Terry Metzger	The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for January 11-12, 2025

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

Orlando Ares	Martha Lastres
Vincent Austrebich	Richard Lavers
Ed Barrett	Eleanor Love
Vivian Brickhouse	Patrick Morgan
Kevin Brooks	Bill Mroz
Nick Caputo	Rosemary Nash
Mary Ann Curry	Ann Marie Niedos
Blake Donegan	Connie Odette
Pat Eaton	Laureen Rabe
Tom Flynn	Aldona Ruppert
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Joyce Schmitz
Lilli Gregory	June Sheehan
Vincenzo Guzzo	Sheila Slonskis
Junie Haase	Lorine Solimeno
Mateo Herhold	Gregg Stephenson
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	John Stopka
William Hesselgrave	Sophie Stratton
Angela Hill	Amanda Svilva
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Olivia Tarsney
Tiffany Kahn	Lauren Zaide
Michelle Kram	Mila Zaide
Alice Krol	

To add a name to the prayer list who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families:

Edward Glynn

Father of Bridget (Matt) Manning
Grandfather of Deirdre Manning

Tom Witte

Brother-in-Law of Nancy Cumat

Weddings



Abigail Wiiken & Kevin Maluso
Mary Konstant & Stephen Agin
Emily Titzer & Daniel Dlugosz
Caitlin Phelan & Steve Pochron

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Regular Sunday Offertory
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Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

*I formed you, and set you as a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeons, those who live in darkness.*

Isaiah 42:6-7

The celebration of the Baptism of Jesus marks the transition from “Christmastime” into seven Sundays that will lead us to a new Lent. In Luke’s account of the baptism, a voice from heaven affirms the identity and mission of Jesus. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Luke has told us nothing of the life of Jesus since his parents found him in the Jerusalem Temple at the age of twelve, conversing with the elders. The implication from *all four* of the gospels is that nothing in the life of Jesus made him stand out from his contemporaries until this time. In fact, Jesus seems to come to John’s baptism with no particular purpose in mind. He is *guided by the Spirit* to be given an identity and a mission.

John’s baptism, which was a baptism of repentance for sin, takes on new meaning in the Baptism of Jesus and our subsequent Baptism in him. John’s *baptism of water* was to prepare people to welcome the Messiah into their hearts and lives. The Baptism of Jesus, which is a *baptism “with the Holy Spirit and fire,”* sends us on a mission in the name of Jesus. This is the mission proclaimed by the Prophet Isaiah. Jesus is coming into the world as Light for all peoples. His mission is *to bring insight and healing* to those who dwell in darkness and *to bring freedom* to those imprisoned in mind or spirit. Following the death and resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit, this *becomes our mission* as his disciples. We become **missionary disciples**.

How might we be called to be light, hope, and comfort for others in the year that has just begun? What blindness in us or in our society might we be challenged to acknowledge so that God may restore us to sight? Whom does society hold captive by lack of resources, opportunity, or recognition? Who are those who live in the dark dungeons of fear because of racial or gender identity, age or health status, past actions, or the complex immigration status of an individual or family?

As missionary disciples, we must avoid the temptation to oversimplify the challenges of our day or presume that we know how God is calling us to act. We have been baptized in the Spirit, who promises to provide the *wisdom and insight* we need when we open our hearts and minds. The Spirit offers us *strength and counsel* to listen beneath the rhetoric of opposing, seemingly unreconcilable, views and pursue a course that best serves what we more deeply agree to be for the common good. The Spirit offers us the *light* that is the *fire* of God’s love.

My first column following the pre-Christmas printing deadlines is my first opportunity to thank all parish staff, leaders, and ministers who have brought such beauty, joy, and love to our celebrations of Christmastime: you who brought food and gifts and served local families in need; you who adorned our place of worship with beautiful sights and heavenly sounds; you who proclaimed the Word, welcomed and guided all who gathered, and brought the Eucharist to those here and around us; you who nurtured in our children and youth the importance of serving those with whom we have been given gifts to share; you who worked behind the scenes with office and facilities support; and you who supported us all with your prayers encouragement. **Together** we gave witness to those who came to us that they **BELONG**. **Together** we came to more deeply **BELIEVE** in the gift of God’s love. And **together** we strove to **BE LOVE** for others.

Christmas Peace,

J. Bill

WELCOME, SURPRISE NEW YEAR'S VISITOR!

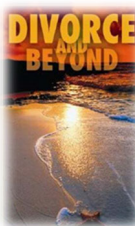
On New Year's Day, Father Dan Coughlin, the seventh pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, joined us for the morning Mass. He was accompanied by the former pastor of St. John of the Cross Parish, Father Rich Hynes. Father Dan received a warm welcome, both from those who remember him from his time among us and those who have joined the parish since. It was great to see his smiling face. Father Dan, you are always welcome among us!



Transition Prayer



God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we seek our new pastor, we entrust our community to your Holy Spirit. You know the heart of our congregation and the unique gifts and challenges of our parish. May we remain united in your grace and rejoice in the promise of your will to bring the "fullness of joy." May our future pastor do the same, listening to your Spirit with courage and openness as you lead us to one another. Amen.



Divorce and Beyond is a faith-based program for adults designed to offer support, fellowship, and healing to those recently divorced or going through a divorce. Topics include stress, anger, forgiveness, and healing. There is no cost to attend.

The next six-week session begins January 16 at 7:00pm in the SJC Parish Center, at St. John of the Cross Parish, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Register on the St. John of the Cross Parish [website](#).

Your Parish Counselor

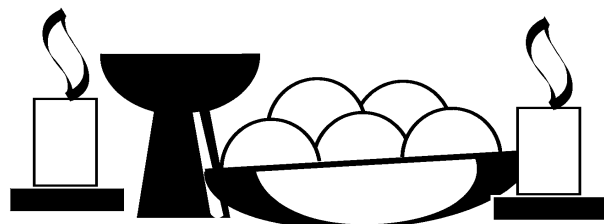
As the parish counselor, I am pleased to share that I will be starting a free therapy group aimed at supporting our community's emotional and mental well-being! To ensure the group is as effective and beneficial as possible, I have created a survey to better understand the needs and preferences of the St. Francis Xavier community. Your feedback will help shape the focus and structure of the group, ensuring it meets the unique needs of those who join. I invite you to take a few moments to complete the survey, and I sincerely appreciate your input as we work together to build a supportive space! Please click here for the link: forms.gle/Mcdb4ZkBuzsLkLHK7.

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Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Charity is at the heart of our faith and the work of the Knights of Columbus. If you're a Catholic man from age 18 to 78 with a calling for service by focusing on others, live a life of faith in action. Jesus calls us to bear fruit. Become a Knight. YOUNG LEADERS WANTED. We've got good work to do in our community. Text or call Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to learn how you can help us serve those with the most need. To Knight!



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SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help! Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 4.

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com or Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com for more information.

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Your Christmas donation is instrumental to the parish's ongoing mission!

Our Christmas goal is \$170,000 (9% of our budgeted offertory).

To date, we have received about \$164,000. God bless you for your support!

If you would like to help us close the gap, you can make your online gift by:

- Clicking [here](#).
- Using the QR code at right.

Make a gift to the Christmas Offertory with this QR Code. Thank you for your support!



Christmas Flower Donations 2024

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Diane Bereckis
John Breen
Dennett Burson & Family
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Michael Cipriani
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John & Josephine Kempfer
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Elaine C. Michalek
Eleanor Michalek

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Bob & Mary VanOrdstrand
Carl M. Walsh
Mr. & Mrs. J. Well
John Yelnick & Family
Lillian Zydell

Love gives us memories and faith gives us strength. May God's healing touch be your comfort. Our parish family prays with you. We are so grateful for your donations in memory and honor of your loved ones. These generous contributions will be used throughout the year to add florals and seasonal decor to our worship space at St. Francis. We appreciate your continued support to help us create a peaceful, prayerful and beautiful space for us to gather together as one family.

Celine Heraty
Arts & Environment Ministry





CWU LG/WS Annual Meeting/Brunch

All Women Welcome To Attend

Church Women United LaGrange/Western Springs Unit invites all area women to attend their Annual Meeting/Brunch on Friday, January 17 at 9:30 am. The event will be held at Advent Christian Church of the Highlands, 1525 West Plainfield Road, LaGrange Highlands (SW corner of Willow Springs Road and Plainfield Road). In addition to breakfast, there will be a brief update on the state of the organization followed by guest speakers, Rev. Bob Kent and Ellen Wiggins from The Well Spirituality Center, Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. They will address The Well's ongoing ecumenical programs, renowned speakers, retreats, spiritual guidance, mind/body/spirit sessions, pilgrimages, and sabbatical opportunities.

With reference to CWU's last November World Community Day celebration, the following items will be collected for Constance Morris House: paper goods, cleaning supplies, gift cards, grocery gift cards, diapers, laundry detergent. Participation in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Cost for the morning is \$10. Advance reservations are requested by January 13th. Questions/Reservations may be directed to 708-710-0644 or email: cwulgws@gmail.com.



Finding Answers For Those Who Seek

**Come hear Cardinal Radcliffe, OP, Theologian
Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 PM
Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 West Adams Street, Chicago**

Old St. Pat's welcomes recently appointed Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP, theologian and former Master of the Dominican Order. As the "Spiritual Father" of Synod on Synodality, Cardinal Radcliffe brings a message of hope and healing during these challenging times. Q&A to follow. FREE and welcoming all people and faiths. For more information, visit www.OLDSTPATs.org/cardinaltalk.



Kairos 44 Juniors and Seniors

**Hosted by St. Francis Xavier Parish
St. Mary's Retreat House
14230 Main Street, Lemont, IL**



February 20-23, 2025

Registration for the retreat is now opened on the St. Francis Xavier website at www.sfxlg.org. For the application and to register, please [click here](#). The deadline is January 31, 2025.

Please contact Laura Monteagudo with any questions at Laura.Monteag@gmail.com.

We are baptized
in the SPIRIT
of the LORD





Toddling Together Connecting parents with kids 5 and under

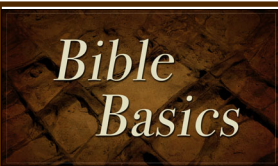
Upcoming Events: Sunday Morning Playtime & Social (Prek3 Classroom)

Gather between the 9:00 and 11:00am masses for a playdate and social with other families with littles! Meet in Unity Hall after 9:00am mass (~10:00am) to walk to preschool classroom together.

January 19th, 10:00-11:00am
February 9th, 10:00-11:00am

****Keep an eye out for some gym playdates this winter as well!**

Join our listserv by emailing mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or find us on Facebook at [Toddling Together - SFX Parents of Littles](#).



Bible Basics with Sr. Maribeth Howell, OP **January 22 & 29 (Wednesday)** **7:00 - 8:30PM** **Unity Hall**

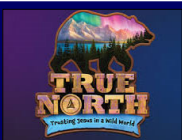
We say that the Bible is “the Word of God,” but what does that really mean? How did God’s Word come to our ancestors in faith? How are we to understand God’s Word today?

January 22, Session 1 - Explore how the Word of God was shaped by the events that God’s people were experiencing. What’s the difference between Exodus and Exile, and how can I relate to those experiences?

January 29, Session 2 - Other features of the Bible: Why are “Catholic” Bibles different from Bibles used by other Christian denominations? Why are there so many translations? Which Bible is best for me to read or pray with?

Join us for one or both sessions! There will be time for Q & A and table discussion. These two evenings are intended to help you feel *comfortable* with reading the Bible, and hopefully, they will encourage you to explore the Word of God more deeply.

RSVP requested (not required): scan the QR code, [click here](#), or email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org.



SAVE THE DATE 2025 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** **JUNE 23-27**

We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was a great success last summer. Attendance was up significantly due to support and participation from the SFX community.

We are continuing our partnership with Grace for 2025. The dates for the summer VBS program are June 23 through 27, each day from 9:00am-Noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 through 4th grade. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that will spend the week organizing and conducting a variety of service projects.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities for high school students that count toward required service hours. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as well.

Registration information will be available early next year along with more details about volunteering. We are looking forward to another week of fun and faith based activities-this year’s theme is “True North Trusting Jesus in a wild world.”

Any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.

Interfaith Career Network

Revolutionizing Your Job Search How AI Can Help You Stand Out

Join us Thursday, January 16 from 7:00-9:00pm and discover how to unlock your job search potential by harnessing AI creatively. This dynamic presentation will guide job seekers on how to leverage AI for success. Covering AI skills, it will delve into crafting AI-enhanced resumes and maximizing AI tools to streamline the job hunt, empowering you to navigate the modern employment landscape with confidence and innovation. Presenter, Tiffany Sharkey, brings a wealth of expertise to the table as an HR Consultant at Acrisure, specializing in managing the full spectrum of the employee lifecycle. With a background spanning recruitment, onboarding, terminations and offboarding, she has provided invaluable support to companies of all sizes and stages across multiple states. A member of the local chapter of Society for Human Resources Management, Tiffany serves as Social Media Chair. Leveraging her enthusiasm for technology and marketing, she spearheads transformative initiatives that advance the organization's mission with enduring impact. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome! There is no cost to attend.

Visit interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.

Ministry of Care is Planning to Expand

A Minister of Care is a person who brings the gift of the eucharist and friendship to fellow parishioners and others who are homebound, living in nursing homes, or recovering in the hospital. Our visits help those in need stay connected to the parish and our faith community.

It's a very rewarding ministry and I promise you will receive more than you'll give. The time required varies depending on the activity you choose. Perhaps a few minutes or more on a homebound visit to an hour or so conducting a Prayer and Communion Service or bringing the eucharist to those in the hospital. Those visiting the homebound schedule visits convenient for the minister and the person being visited. Nursing homes and the hospital have fixed schedules.

The Archdiocese requires new ministers to receive 12 hours of instruction prior to being commissioned. After training, you will "shadow" other ministers to learn about your chosen activity. When you are comfortable, you'll receive a quarterly schedule.

One day training is available at LaGrange Hospital.

Saturday, January 18th from 8:30am-4:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

So, are you ready to share your time and talent with those who are so grateful?

For information regarding the training, please contact: Scott or Mary Sue McDonald, Coordinators for the Ministry of Care at 847-528-1434 or sjmcdonal@yahoo.com or marysuemcdonal@yahoo.com.

Engage Community – January Events

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Game Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 30th for a board game/card night.

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier, 124 North Spring Avenue in LaGrange

When: 7:00-8:30pm on January 30

What: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. We'll choose what to play based on the group's size and interests. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine). RSVPs are encouraged.



For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

10:00AM-12:30PM



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FROM
PRESCHOOL 3 THROUGH 8TH GRADE

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- ✓ STUDENT GUIDED TOURS
- ✓ ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS FAIR
- ✓ ROBOT PLAYGROUND: CODING DEMOS
- ✓ MEET THE FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION
- ✓ MEET MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
- ✓ VISIT CURRENT AND FUTURE CLASSROOMS
- ✓ CURRICULUM TABLE IN THE GYM

TUITION RAFFLE

MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN AT THE RAFFLE
TABLE IN THE GYM!

- EACH CURRENT SCHOOL FAMILY IN ATTENDANCE WILL RECEIVE ONE RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A \$250 TUITION CREDIT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
- RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKET FOR EACH PROSPECTIVE FAMILY THAT YOU BRING!!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

NEW FAMILY ENROLLMENT BEGINS DECEMBER 4

WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus and others.

We strive to instill and nurture the belief that God is found everywhere, especially in one another.



WE LEARN

TWO time U.S. Dept. of Education NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL and recipient of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award.



WE SERVE

Our All-School Service Program exemplifies who we are as a school.

This year, we are holding our 15th annual Service Day!



CONTACT US TODAY! ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG

Got questions?

Try Alpha.



Mon, Jan 27th at 6:30pm

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith in an easy, friendly environment.

Each session includes free dinner, an engaging (and short) talk, then plenty of time to share your thoughts.

There's no follow-up, no charge, no pressure. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone's welcome.

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers! Scan the code or visit sfxlg.org to RSVP.



All-Parish Hallow Prayer Challenge Begins Jan 20th on our Parish Page!

“The Science of Happiness & Routines”

Evaluate and commit to healthy new year's resolutions that are actually sustainable, life-giving, and lead you closer to God and true joy!

To join the parish page and access the free parish challenges, open the Hallow app, navigate to the Community tab (bottom right of screen), search for our parish by zip code, and join! Those who would like to access *all* of the app's premium content are able to do so for just \$1. If you would like to set up your \$1 year-long trial, visit hallow.com/parish or sfxlg.org

BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

Fall Into Giving

**Sunday
February
9th
9:00AM-1:00PM**

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a
healthy meal and
drink plenty of
water before
donating.**

Please bring photo ID.

800-7TO-GIVE

St. Francis Xavier Parish Community Blood Drive

St. Francis Catholic Church-Gym, 145 N. Waiola
(Ogden & Waiola) La Grange, IL 60525

To make an appt., call 1-800-7TO-GIVE, visit
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**Please Pray For...all those
Serving Overseas in the Military including:**

- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—niece of Jon Peterson
- **Capt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Sean Kramer, U.S. Army**—friend of the Cooley Family
- **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Nidos
- **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...and please let us know when friends and loved ones return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
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Rev. Richard Milek
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Front Office Coordinator
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Tuition Accounts
Director of Religious Education
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm
Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, Bennett Ferguson, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone at 312-880-7606.



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